

right thing to do, and it is what the Republicans are doing.

Mr. Speaker, I suggest that my colleagues from the other side of the aisle read this book because we are leading the change and they had better learn how to follow. This book changes Congress and the Democrats only want to change the subject.

#### NO MORE AID TO RUSSIA

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, something does not make sense; Russia used to be our No. 1 enemy and now it must be our No. 1 friend because we give Russia billions of dollars every year now. Advisers come before Congress and tell us Russia has changed. They are now seeking a democratic participatory government that has compassion for human rights, and they walk around like Ronald Reagan and they make speeches like Abraham Lincoln and "Give Russia a chance."

Give me strength, Mr. Speaker, give me strength. What are we doing, giving Russia all this money, then they are using American hard-earned tax dollars to kill Russian people?

I am one Member who says, "Russia may talk. Russian leaders may talk like Thomas Jefferson, but they are acting like Josef Stalin."

I oppose any more money for Russia, especially blood money for Russia, and I think Congress should send that message over to these new freedom fighters.

#### AN UNFUNDED MANDATE COULD BANKRUPT AND CLOSE THE WATER TREATMENT FACILITY IN GRETNA, NE

(Mr. CHRISTENSEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CHRISTENSEN. Mr. Speaker, last year the city of Gretna, NE, a small town in my district in the eastern part of Nebraska, population a couple thousand, was ordered by the EPA to spend \$12,000 above and beyond their normal costs of \$2,000 for additional testing to determine if there were any synthetic compounds in their drinking water.

Mr. Speaker, the EPA qualifying limits for synthetic compounds were set so low that one person would have to consume hundreds of thousands of gallons of water in order to show any adverse effect.

The city of Gretna passed with flying colors, but if, by chance, one well had failed the test, the Gretna taxpayers would have faced over \$500,000 in additional costs. The entire annual operating budget for the Gretna water treatment facility is only \$100,000. To mandate unnecessary costs would have

bankrupt and closed the only water treatment facility that Gretna has.

Mr. Speaker, the EPA is a prime example of a big government gone bad. We must protect the taxpayers from these types of unfunded mandates before we break the backs of States, municipalities, and the taxpayers across this country.

#### INTRODUCTION OF THE WELFARE TO SELF-SUFFICIENCY ACT OF 1995

(Mr. VOLKMER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. VOLKMER. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to welcome the Governors of our great Nation who have come to Washington to discuss the problems that are overburdening our Government and our country. Their topic is welfare reform.

To that, Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing legislation that will give Americans a handup instead of a handout. The Welfare to Self-Sufficiency Act will end the quagmire that faces those now on welfare. No longer will men and women be trapped by a welfare system that does not reward work, promote the family, or instill personal responsibility. It will move people from dependence to independence, from a welfare check to a paycheck, and from a sense of hopelessness to one of opportunity.

Mr. Speaker, the President said the other evening that it is time to end welfare as we know it. Let us break this cycle and pass welfare reform legislation that will give every American an opportunity to become self-sufficient.

#### TRIBUTE TO RICHARD L. ROUDEBUSH, OUR DEPARTED COLLEAGUE

(Mr. MYERS of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MYERS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise this afternoon with sorrow to announce the passing of a former Member of Congress and a good friend of many of us, Richard L. Roudebush.

Dick was a veteran of World War II. In 1953, Mr. Speaker, he was elected the State VFW Commander in the State of Indiana. In 1957 he served as National Commander in the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In 1961, he was elected to Congress where he served for 10 years.

Mr. Speaker, here he was known affectionately as "Mayor of the Cloakroom" because of his humor, good sense and friendliness. He sat often back in the corner here with about four or five other associates and always was a person who had something nice to say about everyone else here. While he served in the House, he can be remembered as a friend of the veterans. He also was a farmer himself, so he fought for farmers' legislation. In the House he was one of the sponsors of legislation to establish June 14 as Flag Day,

to be recognized as a national holiday. He also fought for many things for the veterans and for patriotism.

He served until 1971 in the House, and since that time he served, as in 1977 he was elected and selected to serve, as Administrator of the Veterans Administration where he served for 3 years.

He will be missed by many of us. He was a great friend. We will miss Dick Roudebush.

#### SLUMBER PARTIES IN THE HOUSE

(Mrs. SCHROEDER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mrs. SCHROEDER. Mr. Speaker, our new Speaker GINGRICH certainly is not short of compassion.

My colleagues, when I got up this morning and read today's Congress Daily, I was absolutely amazed because, as of today, the House office buildings become the House boarding and office buildings. Yes, Members of Congress can have sleepovers in their office. Now I do not know if the House restaurant is going to be extending room service, or whether the IRS is going to tax us for this, or maybe we have to sleep in our cars, because we have been taxed on that. All these questions have not been answered, and we do not know if we can bring our families, and whether there will be hall monitors for all of that.

But the Speaker says he feels so very sorry that Members cannot live in Washington on \$133,000 a year, so he extended this privilege for the first time in over 200 years of the House's existence.

So here we go. I guess we can have a slumber party every night. It certainly is a new House.

#### CAMPAIGN REFORM

(Mr. GOSS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GOSS. Mr. Speaker, today I am introducing a bill which would accomplish real campaign reform. It addresses the true problems with the current system without costly, artificial, and probably unconstitutional provisions like spending limits or public financing. For example, to address the free mailing advantage incumbents enjoy, my bill would cut the franking allowance in half and ban all unsolicited mail 60 days before a primary and general election. Also, in order to get rid of the perceived edge that PAC's have over individual contributors, my bill would limit PAC campaign contributions to \$1,000. The President challenged Members to stop taking gifts from lobbyists—my bill would prohibit lobbyist-paid travel for any Member or employee of the House of Representatives. Congress needs campaign reform—but we don't need to reinvent the wheel to achieve it. By applying a